

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of this application in view of the following amendments and comments.

Rejection of claims 1-3, 6, 8-10, and 13 as being anticipated by Friebe et al, '382 or '794.

Attached is a certified translation copy of German Application No. 195 07 416.5 that the claimed invention claims priority of. It is believed that the references cited by the Examiner do not have an earlier priority date than the earliest priority date of the claimed invention.

It is therefore, respectfully requested that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw this rejection.

CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

If entry and consideration of the amendments above requires an extension of time, Applicants respectfully request that this be considered a petition therefore. The Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee(s) due in this connection to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

ADDITIONAL FEE

Please charge any insufficiency of fees, or credit any excess, to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

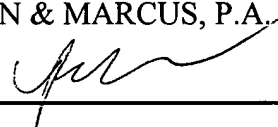
CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing remarks it is believed that the claim is in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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